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In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patent
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A translation of a portion of the listed documents thereof required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(ii) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 2000-204328 A	07/2000	Japan
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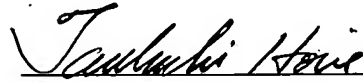
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Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), a portion of an English language version of Japanese Patent Applications No. JP 2000-204328 A1 and JP 5-311135 A are provided for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of those references to the Examiner and the USPTO with an opportunity to evaluate the same. These references were cited in a Japanese Office Action during examination of a patent application related to the present application submitted for review.

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Respectfully submitted,

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